REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is promptly filed with the present application to place the above-referenced case in condition for immediate allowance.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Cancelled: 1-36;

Amended: None;

Added: 37-49; and

Currently outstanding: 37-49.

No new matter has been added to the application.

Applicant has amended the claims to reflect additional patentable subject matter.

The specification has been amended to incorporate subject matter set forth in the new claims submitted herewith. Particularly, the specification provides an embodiment set forth in new claim 37. Additionally, a Copyright Notice and a revised Continuity Statement have been added. In the Background section, a denial of admission arising from the description of any prior art has been added. The Summary of the Invention section has been amended to reflect the present lighting system and to set forth in broad terms the lighting system set forth in the claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.
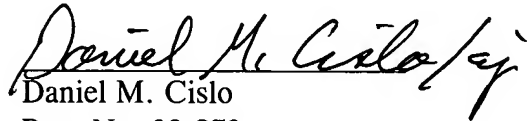
With the above-referenced changes, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance; and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the application on to

allowance. It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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